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C O N F I D E N T I A L MANILA 1487

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SUBJECT: GOP MISSION IN TAIWAN

REF: (A) TAIPEI 0652, (B) MANILA 165 (NOTAL), (C) KUALA
LUMPUR 6948 OF 11/26/75

1. HEAD OF TAIWAN PACIFIC ECONOMIC AND CULTURAL CENTER IN
MANILA (LIU TSUNG-HAN) CONFIRMED THAT AMBASSADOR SIMEON
ROXAS AND WIFE LEFT FOR TAIPEI ON JAN 23 TO ESTABLISH NEW
PHILIPPINE PRESENCE (ASIAN EXCHANGE CENTER). ACCOMPANYING
WERE "RETIRED" MINISTER FLORENCIO GUZON (WHO WAS MINISTER
COUNSELOR IN KUALA LUMPUR UNTIL RECALLED LAST NOVEMBER
IN PREPARATION FOR TAIWAN POSTING) AND ROMEO LEYESA.
(NEITHER OF LATTER WERE ACCOMPANIED BY WIVES.) ACCORDING
LIU, ROXAS WILL RETURN TO MANILA FOR FURTHER CONSULTATIONS
IN TEN DAYS, HOPEFULLY AFTER TAIPEI OFFICE SPACE LOCATED,
LEAVING GUZON IN CHARGE.

2. LIU SAID PHILIPPINE MISSION IS (LIKE ITS TAIWAN
COUNTERPART IN MANILA) LIMITED TO TOTAL OF 25, INCLUDING
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WIVES. HOWEVER HE DOESN'T THINK THAT GOP WILL GO TO

MAXIMUM. JOVITO RIVERA (ORIGINALLY NAMED AS HEAD OF PHILIPPINE MISSION) IS DEFINITELY NOT RPT NOT GOING IN ANY CAPACITY.

3. COMMENT: LIU IS RELIEVED THAT SIX MONTHS AFTER HE OPENED OFFICE IN MANILA, GOP COUNTERPART IS FINALLY GETTING INTO PLACE. LIU'S LIFE HAS BEEN GREATLY COMPLICATED BY FACT THAT UP TO NOW HE HAS NOT BEEN ABLE TO PRESS FOR RECIPROCAL TREATMENT WHEN CONFRONTED WITH PROCEDURAL DIFFICULTIES REGARDING HIS OWN OFFICE HERE. LONG DELAY IN OPENING OF TAIWAN "ASIAN EXCHANGE CENTER" WAS PARTLY RESULT OF NEED TO FIND REPLACEMENT FOR RIVERA (WHO TURNED OUT TO BE CORRUPT) AS WELL AS DESIRE TO WAIT UNTIL PRC MISSION FIRMLY ESTABLISHED IN MANILA.
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